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Life, Battles and Career of Battling Nelson

XVI.—I Meet Joe Gans

By BATTILING NELSON,
Lightweight Champion of the World

I BEGAN another theatrical tour, which finally landed me in Chicago. Joe Gans had been following me for some time, and he would appear on the stage of the various show houses and challenge me for a fight.

He followed me into a newspaper office in Boston one day and became so persistent that we almost came to blows. I refused to listen to his talk for a long time, and many sporting writers and the general public wondered why.

My first reason for holding him off was that he was looked upon as one of the crookedest fighters the prize ring has ever seen or ever will see. He was a self confessed faker, having ad-

mitted to the Terry McGovern scandal in Chicago as well as to that most palpable fake with Jimmy Britt in San Francisco. For all that he was a wonderful fighter, and I refused a meeting with him on the grounds that I had never been mixed up in a scandal of any kind whatsoever and knew the minute I signed articles I would be accused and called as guilty as him.

A Meeting Demanded.

Finally the entire coterie of sport writers the country over came out and demanded a meeting between Gans and myself, claiming that Gans as well as I had beaten all the lightweights in the country, and it was up to him and me to settle for once and all the question as to who was the real undisputed lightweight champion of the world.

Upon this demand I finally consented to a meeting.

This meeting of ours was spectacular in more ways than one. I had just spent two weeks hunting and fishing up through Ogden canyon, being piloted over the country by Hegewich Anderson, one of the pioneers of Utah. I had a grand two weeks' season of hunting and fishing. I then went to Salt Lake City, where I engaged in an exhibition bout of three rounds with Willard Bean, the Mormon pugilistic minister.

Just about this time Goldfield, Nev., was in the height of its boom, and naturally I was interested. One day I picked up a Goldfield Sun, which stated that Jack Clifford had arrived on the scene and challenged the entire camp, and the club promoters were advertising for an opponent for Clifford for Labor day. As I had enjoyed a good rest and was just aching for a fight, I sent a telegram to the Sun informing them that if inducements were right I would come and meet Clifford.

The Match Is Made.

In the course of an hour's time I received an answer asking me what my terms were to meet Clifford. I wired back I would accept a \$5,000 guarantee with a \$5,000 side bet, the fight to be to a finish.

Evidently the Goldfield sporting blood was aroused to bigger game, as they sent me the following answer:

Your proposition of \$5,000 guarantee and \$5,000 side bet accepted, but would prefer a meeting between yourself and Gans. We will give \$10,000 for name.

TEX RICKARD.

Goldfield Athletic club. Answer.

I sent back the following reply:

Tex Rickard, Goldfield Athletic Club, Goldfield, Nev.:
Raise bid to \$20,000 for Gans match and accepted.

BATTILING NELSON.

In less than an hour's time I received the following telegram from Rickard:

Your proposition is accepted. Money posted J. B. Cook & Co. bank. Will forward to Salt Lake or any place you name.

Much discussion was aroused regarding the "three time weighing in"—namely, 12 o'clock, at 1:30 and again at 3 p. m. on the day of contest.

This was done to avert any more Herrera fiascos, as I had just experienced one at a very great expense. Nevertheless neither my manager nor I asked Gans to do a single, solitary thing that I myself didn't agree to do and do willingly. Therefore I don't think we should be criticised. "What's good for the goose ought to be good for the gander."

Fight Advertised Widely.

This fight was given more publicity than any other contest in the history of pugilism, including such great battles as the Fitzsimmons-Dempsey and



the Sullivan-Corbett fights at New Orleans and even the great Corbett-Fitzsimmons go at Carson City, Nev.

The widespread interest in the fight attracted hordes of sporting people from all over the universe. Goldfield at that time had a population of less than 2,500 people. To get to Goldfield you had to ride thirteen hours straight out on the desert from the main line and only one train a day on regular schedule.

Every newspaper in the United States that could afford it had a representative there to report the fight. We met in a specially constructed arena, which cost the promoters \$15,000 to build.

It was a warm, clear afternoon. The exact time of the starting of the contest was 3:25 p. m. Gans and I weighed in under weight—fit and ready for the fight of our lives. Gans was expected to outpoint me during the early part of the fight, but at the end of the third round I retired to my corner, telling my seconds that I would knock him out in the next round. I had just hurt him with a good hard left half scissor hook to the liver, which finally proved his undoing. Gans stalled through the fourth and fifth rounds and commenced to take quite a lead. In the eighteenth round he had a decided lead. In the nineteenth and twentieth I commenced to hit my fighting stride and took quite a lead myself. Up to this time Gans had been the favorite in the betting. The tide switched, however, after the twentieth round, and I was then an overwhelming favorite, people betting \$500 to \$100 that I would win. There was scarcely a taker in sight. After that round it was impossible to force Gans to fight, as he would hold, hang on, clinch, stall, back up and run away.

There was a clause in the articles of agreement that we were to break upon orders from the referee, and he was not to lay hands upon us. George Siler evidently forgot about such a clause or else didn't care. Several times during the fight, when I was in close, doing effective work punishing Gans in the body, Siler deliberately took hold of my hair and pulled me back, allowing Gans to thump me on the jaw.

At the forty-second round it was getting dark and would have been impossible for the fight to have continued over three rounds more at the outside. During the latter part of the contest Gans went back to his corner several times vomiting. As he reached his corner at the end of the forty-first round he heaved violently, and I could tell by his condition that his finish was very near.

As the gong sounded for the forty-second round I sailed over to Gans' corner and met him within a yard of his chair. I went after him hammer and tongs, determined to knock him out. I had backed him about halfway across the ring when I delivered the final punch, a hard left half scissor hook to the liver that traveled less than a foot. This punch was delivered



with the forefinger and thumb, the knuckles being up, and landed directly on his liver, on the right side of his body, just above the second rib.

Lost on a Foul.

This is the punch that toppled the black champion over. Referee Siler commenced to count and had reached the count of "four" when Gans' seconds jumped up on the edge of the ring and began yelling, "Foul, foul!" The referee then stopped counting and, thrusting me aside, waited almost a minute, when he declared that Gans had won on a foul.

I made a vigorous protest, claiming that I had not dealt a foul blow, but it was all to no avail. I said then and still declare that Gans deliberately quit under punishment for fear of being knocked out legitimately by me. Gans either put one over on Siler, claiming to have been hurt by a foul blow, or else I was beaten by jobbery. Two years later I knocked Gans out twice with the same identical punch delivered in the same place and on the same spot. The referees, Jack Welsh and Eddie Smith, declared no foul blows were struck.

DOGS RACE FOR \$11,000 PURSE

AL BERGER'S TEAMS WIN LARGE SUM OF MONEY AND DO 412 MILES IN 82 h. 10 m. IN ALASKAN COLD.

(Special from United Press.) Nome, Alaska, April 6.—Carnival spirit reigned to-day along the "Pike" and in adjacent mining camps over the finish of the All-Alaskan sweepstakes—the gruelling race for dog teams from Nome to Candia and return, a distance of 412 miles. Al Berger's teams Nos. 1 and 2, finished first and second respectively, carrying off the \$11,000 purse and the Suter gold cup in addition to deciding a pool of \$10,000 which had been wagered on the event.

Fourteen teams started in the race and it was run under conditions that put the animals to a severe test of strength and endurance. The intense interest in the race practically left business here at a standstill.

The Siberian team, on which a \$10,000 wager had been laid, maintained a lead for two days but became snowed out of the race by a severe storm and was left hopelessly out of the race. The fate of several of the teams is still unknown. The time of the winners was eighty-two hours and ten minutes.

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SPORTS OF A DAY

BASEBALL NOTES.

DURANT MUST PAY ARREARS TO TWO

LEAGUE DIRECTORS HEAR APPEALS BY PLAYERS—FITZPATRICK IS DECLARED FREE AGENT—SCHEDULE OF GAMES ACCEPTED—DATES FOR BRIDGEPORT TEAM.

Aside from adopting the schedule at the meeting of the directors of the Connecticut league, yesterday afternoon, the cases of Players Fitzpatrick and Farley of the Waterbury club against Owner Durant, were disposed of. Fitzpatrick claimed that Durant owed him \$112 back pay and as he had not signed a contract for the present season he asked to be declared a free agent. Fitzpatrick quoted baseball law, and cited an incident when the National commission allowed the claim of a player and back pay under the same conditions. Durant showed to the directors that two contracts had been entered into, an official contract and one on the part of the club called for a salary of \$175 per month, while the other called for \$200. The directors found that they had no jurisdiction in the case and declared Fitzpatrick a free agent. Fitzpatrick claimed that Durant was under a moral and legal contract to Fitzpatrick for the back salary claimed.

Farley claimed that he had better luck than Fitzpatrick. He put in a claim for back pay amounting to \$284 and to be declared a free agent. Farley's contract was according to baseball law. Durant, neglecting to pay him under his official contract at a certain time, lost his services. Durant was ordered to pay and Farley was declared a free agent.

The schedule as prepared by Sid Challenger of this city was adopted. The schedule calls for a season of 126 games for each club, each team meeting its seven opponents, nine games at home and nine games on the other fellows' grounds. Holyoke and Springfield wanted good attractions for their clerks' holidays on Wednesdays. They have, New Haven received the same thing for Fridays. Springfield, Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport got eleven Saturday games at home, and the four other clubs, ten each. On July 15 New Haven plays a double header at Holyoke, on July 16, Bridgeport does the same in Northampton, on July 17 the Senators do the trick in Waterbury. New Britain also plays a double header in Springfield. The Bridgeport end of the schedule is as follows:

BRIDGEPORT.
At New Haven—May 2, 22, 31; June 14; July 1, 19; Aug. 12, 23; Sept. 6.
At Waterbury—April 24; May 13; June 5, 23; July 13, 27; Aug. 15; Sept. 2.
At New Britain—May 12, 20, 27; June 10, 25; July 8, 31; Aug. 9, 16.
At Hartford—April 30; May 8; June 2, 25; July 2, 20, 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 11.
At Springfield—May 5, 18; June 7, 26; July 5, 17; Aug. 4, 26, 31.
At Holyoke—April 27, May 6, 25; June 8, 18; July 31; Aug. 3, 21, 30.
At Northampton—April 26; May 17, 24; June 19; July 6, 16; Aug. 2, 20.
NEW HAVEN.
At Bridgeport—May 4, 15, 31; June 21; July 7, 28; Aug. 27; Sept. 6.
WATERBURY.
At Bridgeport—April 23; May 29; June 4, 17; July 14, 24; Aug. 5; Sept. 1, 10.
NEW BRITAIN.
At Bridgeport—April 28; May 14, 19, 30; July 9, 15; Aug. 7, 19.
HARTFORD.
At Bridgeport—May 10, 19, 28; June 16, 22; July 3, 22; Aug. 11, 24.
SPRINGFIELD.
At Bridgeport—May 11; June 9, 24; July 5, 30; Aug. 10; Sept. 3, 7.
HOLYOKE.
At Bridgeport—April 29; May 31; June 2, 12; July 12, 23; Aug. 14, 27; Sept. 8.
NORTHAMPTON.
At Bridgeport—May 7, 26; June 15, 29; July 10, 26; Aug. 6, 18; Sept. 4.

M'KINNON LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Manager of Eastern League Kingston Team Visits Bridgeport.

Manager Hugh MacKinnon of the Kingston team in the Eastern Association was in town to-day looking up a number of players for his club. He has already secured the services of Nick Carter, the West End pitcher. He received, yesterday the signed contract of Billy Phoenix, who was with Bridgeport a few seasons ago. Phoenix was on the reserve list of the Norfolk, Virginia league team, but was last week re-instated by Secretary Farrell of the National Commission. The new league will start May 23 and end Labor Day. Sunday games will be played by all the clubs.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Next meeting of the league April 12.

U. M. C. Co., and E. C. & B. No. 1 play the Bridgeports a double-header at Newfield Saturday afternoon.

Tom McCann, supervisor of umpires has been selected to lead the St. Joseph's T. L. & B. association team unto victory.

Ernie Lush, late of the E. C. & B. No. 1 team and more recently with the Yost outfit left the city yesterday afternoon for Niagara University, where he is to play on the baseball team of that institution.

John "Butch" Dowling is once more an industrial leaguer. John started the season off last year with the Yost team but after playing nine games left that concern to enter into a more lucrative position. At the time of his leaving he led the league in batting with .445. John will once more wear the Yost uniform, having joined those forces last week.

No. 2 Burnhams will take on the look of the Orioles if the management keeps on signing up the members of that team. "Sky" Kelley is the last one of the bunch to land a position.

Manager Ellsworth of No. 1 Burnhams is pulling all the wires possible to get "Wiggle" Halpin away from the Singer team. "Wiggle" is wise and will stay where there is a winter job, even if more is offered him.

Singers will be well looked after by the officials of the factory this season in the way of the necessity. Whatever the boys are in need of will be given for the asking. It has been stated that they are about to ask for a pitcher.

Put one black mark down for the Singers. Joe Strickfuss has quit the ranks and will be found with the American & British team. Joe makes some noise as a player.

"Swampy" Whaley will have some help behind the bat this season in Wilson late of the No. 2 Burnham team. Wilson's loss from the Burnham team will be the Yost's gain as he was one of the mainstays of the South End plant team. "Shorty" Donnelly also will be behind the bat for the Type-writers. Shorty came to the team a fresh from his laurels from old B. H. S.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Bengal, Jr., are out with a challenge for any team in the city averaging 18-19 years for games any Sunday, anywhere. The following will comprise the Bengal, Jr., team this season: E. Roy, R. Fisher, T. Shea, D. Conklin, A. Howell, L. Lynch, W. Steele, F. Valderoy, J. Thomas, J. McCarthy, T. Downs. Address all communications through The Farmer.

The G. C. Batchelor & Co. baseball club of the Factory League will play the Warner Bros. team of the Industrial League at the Mud Flats, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The name of the Harmless nine goes to McCarthy's Pets as they defeated Maloney's Champions of South avenue, Sunday morning at the Flats, by the score of 14-12.

The Ives Manufacturing Co. baseball team desire to take on any of the Industrial League teams for a game for Good Friday. Answer through The Farmer.

The South End Athletic Club will have a team in the field this season to take the place of the Sacred Hearts, which team will play under the name of the Bengals. Some of the candidates for the team include: Catchers, Keating, Lannon; pitchers, Carter and Farrell; first base, Reilly and Galvin; infielders, Quinn, Bowden, Finnerty and O'Day; outfielders, Robinson, Whaley and F. Benham.

This team will play the E. C. & B. No. 1 team at Seaside Park, Good Friday morning. They are also willing to meet any amateur or semi-professional team in the State.

The Lincolns can have a game for Good Friday if they write to Manager F. S. Wargo of the Insurgents, 829 Worden avenue, or through The Farmer.

Clabby Claims Victory

(Special from United Press.) Memphis, Tenn., April 6.—Jimmy Clabby, of Milwaukee, to-day considers himself winner over Buck Fitzpatrick of Chicago, whom he fought here last night although the referee declared the bout a draw. Clabby forced the fighting in almost every round.

Manager O'Rourke has booked Doctor Jimmy Casey's Montreal team for a game Monday, April 12, at Newfield. The incomparable Doctor will hold down third base.

"Red" Waller with his long smile and bunches of Southern daisies, with a number of the Giants, will drop off at Bridgeport Friday afternoon to tackle Jim O'Rourke's new ones. "Red" has a new one called the "Salome twist" which he will palm off on the recruits.

Saturday's attractions will be two teams from the Industrial League. Last year's pennant winners, the U. M. C. team, will be the first victims, game starting at 2 o'clock. Coffey will twirl for the shop team. The second game will start immediately after the completion of the first. Manager Ellsworth has not announced his battery for this game, keeping it as a surprise so as to stimulate the interest in the more.

Tommy Downey writes to friends in this city that despite his stomach trouble, he is to open the season with the Cincinnati team at shortstop against Pittsburgh on April 14.

Managers Edwards and Bowler of the Northampton team yesterday put up their proposition to Manager O'Rourke for the exchange of Hilt for Roberson, Accorini and Murphy, but were again thrown down. The managers then offered to give Fitzpatrick Mansfield along with the trio, but Manager Jim could not see his way clear to do so. Mansfield was with Meriden last season, winning eight out of fifteen games.

Bridgeport's holiday games are: Memorial day, morning, New Haven at Bridgeport; and afternoon Bridgeport at New Haven; July 5th, morning, Springfield at Bridgeport; afternoon Bridgeport in Springfield; Labor day, morning, New Haven at Bridgeport; afternoon Bridgeport at New Haven.

Jimmy Burns of Springfield and Fitzpatrick of Waterbury, were on hand at the meeting yesterday to fix up games before the beginning of the season, for a nine they are picking up of league players. The lot includes: Pitchers Bill Luby of Springfield, Ed Walsh the Chicago-American Leaguer; Peterson, the Middletown pitcher signed by Northampton; Morris Kennedy of North Adams; Wale of Springfield, Burns, Fitzpatrick, Jope of the New Haven, and Herbst of New Haven. Their headquarters are in Meriden where they play the Montreal, Friday.

Jim Barry Fights Sandy Ferguson Tonight

Boston, April 6.—Jim Barry, the Chicagoan who is to try out Sandy Ferguson here to-night, is in such fine form for the fight that Ferguson is sure to have a harder contract on his hands than was at first supposed.

Teddy Murphy, Barry's manager says Barry will win and if so he is going after Al Kaufman for another match. "Barry had Kaufman beat up to the 30th round in their last bout," said Murphy.

Attention: Amateurs!

Although the baseball season is a trifle young the amateur baseball managers, like the managers in the big leagues, are getting busy arranging their nines. The Farmer will publish news and scores, challenges and all matter relating to amateur baseball players. Let the managers and captains get busy and send along their challenges and notes. All communications must be addressed to the Sporting Editor of The Farmer, plainly written on one side of the paper.

NOTICE.

We have just received 5 more barrels of that Famous Gibbons United States Bonded Whiskey that we are selling for \$4.00 a gallon or \$1.00 a quart. If you are a lover of a nice mellow Rye give us a call. Drew Bros., Wine Merchants, 43 Sterling St.

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